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NATIONAL GUARD UNIT

The Times-Virginian is delighted that steps are being taken to form a platoon of the National Guard in Appomattox. A meeting will be held next Tuesday night at the Court House and it is to be hoped that the necessary number of young men will come out and go into the organization of a Guard unit.

The benefits to a community accruing from a National Guard unit are many and varied. We are convinced that Appomattox is large enough to maintain a unit.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

OUR "FAVORABLE" BALANCE

From The New York Times

The report of the Economic Cooperation Administration on the follies and distortions of world trade in general and the United States' share of it in particular is a cold shower that we all doubtless needed. To be told that of our so-called "favorable balance" of trade of $101,000,000,000 since 1914 more than two-thirds took the form of outright grants and unrepayable loans gives a fair measure of the uneconomic methods that we are pursuing. That $68,000,000,000 came or will come out of the taxpayer's pocket. The report is mild in saying that there is no thing particularly healthy about such a procedure.

The desirability of substituting exchange for the enlightened self-interest of gifts is too obvious to be questioned. The real problem is how to break down the walls of technicalities like high tariffs and of vested interests in industry and agriculture, which make the goal so difficult to obtain. It was not enough in the Nineteen Thirties to demonstrate the absurdities of the Hawley-Smoot tariff system. It took the gradual and practical whittling away of the highest barriers by Secretary of State Hull's reciprocal trade agreements to get results. So now the ECA offers a series of suggestions for "stimulating an expansion of exports of goods and services from other countries to the United States, accompanied by an expansion, so far as feasible, of United States foreign investment."

The alternative is lower standards of living in many, is not most, countries abroad and painful dislocations in the United States. Unhappily, the drift of world trade since the war, the difficulty of the United States in playing its proper role as the only great creditor nation, the division of the world into two hostile zones, the growth of industrialism in hitherto backward countries, the competitive production of Great Britain, Germany, Japan and the United States—these and other stubborn factors make any easy or quick solution impossible.

The ECA report, however, is another heartening proof that the statesmen of this and many other countries are at last beginning to see some light through the dense undergrowth that lies ahead. This report points in the only direction that can be followed if the democratic world is to avoid grave dislocations and pressures. There is another group of men representing another system of thought—planned economy of the strictest and the most complete type—who are competing against us in more ways than one. That the magnitude of the task makes any proposal seem inadequate is no fault of the sensible and far-seeing men who prepared and presented the ECA report.

So long as hope remains that we can solve contemporary problems without the catastrophic shakedown of a world conflagaration it would be inexcusable to admit defeat in advance and to continue on the primrose path of trying to eat our cake and give it away at the same time.

LOYAL BUT FREE

From The Winchester Star

A sort of footnote to its June recommendations on the attitude of education toward communism has been issued by the Educational Policies Commission, which includes Presidents Eisenhower of Columbia and Conant of Harvard.

The 20-member commission attempts to suggest long-range policies for American education. In June, it laid stress on the unfitness of communists—because they are not free to think for themselves— as teachers in American schools and colleges. Now it warns Americans not to endager their traditional freedoms by the measures they take for their security.

Specifically, the commission opposes asking special loyalty oaths, not required of all citizens, from teachers. Such oaths, easily violated by disloyal teachers, "impair the vigor of local school autonomy and thus do harm to an important safeguard of freedom in education," it says.

The commission holds that such oaths tend to create an atmosphere of suspicion which may make some teachers afraid to say what they think.

American freedom grew strong by tolerating diversity— especially diversity in ideas. It is only in recent years that foreign ideologies have infiltrated into the life of America, promoted by elements who in America's vanted freedom an opportunity to undermine the American way of life.

If loyalty oaths are inimical to American concepts of freedom, they were inspired by attacks upon them from within which are making steady headway.

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

From Wall Street Journal

The late Stephen Leacock, in the preface to one of his books, had this to say: "Acknowledging all these debts, I feel also that I owe a great deal of this book to my own industry and effort."

EDITOR WITH HORNS

From Farmville Herald

"The good editor," declared James S. Pope, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, "has to wake up angry every morning."

With this interesting assertion we cannot agree. The man who wakes up angry every morning will become a nuisance not only to his community but to his family, as well. Besides, there is no sense in being angry.

After all, it depends upon the functions of an editor. There are some who believe that the editor should excite the emotions of his readers in order to "get results." One may doubt the value of such "results" because in the long run, the product is temporary.

It is much better, we think, to try to be fair, to advance reasonable argument and to invite readers to make up their own mind. The "results" may not be as flashy but product will be the development of a free thinking, intelligent and tolerant opinion both public and private.

Appomattox is a growing town.

"NO SUCH THING"

From Raleigh News and Observer

"There's no such thing as an unavoidable accident."

This was the statement made by Cpl. William O'Daniel of the State Highway Patrol, with station at Dunn, in reviewing eight highway fatalities in Harnett County this year.

The patrolman, citing the cause of each fatality, gave reason for each to prove that all could have been avoided.

Highway safety should not be seasonal. It should be practiced every day of the year.

A LINE OF PRIVILEGE

From Wall Street Journal

A certain Moscow citizen stood in so well with the party that he was granted a permit which, among other things, allowed him to buy a railroad ticket without having to stand in line for it. One day he went to the railroad station and presented his precious permit.

"Get in that line over there," he was told.

"But," protested the privileged citizen, "this permit allows me to buy a ticket without standing in line."

"I know that comrade," rejoined the station agent, "and that is the line for people who don't have to stand in line to buy tickets."

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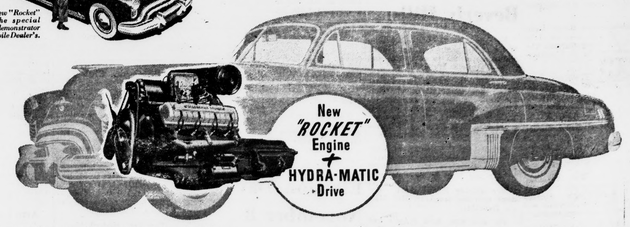

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Evergreen, Oct. 25.- Mr. and Mrs. Thad Massie, of Newport News visited her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Chockley in the home of her sister, Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham recently.

Mrs. T. T. Evans called to see Mrs. Eddie Warriner last Wednesday. Mrs. Warriner is ill at this writing.

Miss Bessie Ann Glover celebrated her 9th birthday Sunday. Her dinner guests were Misses Jackie White, Nell and Patricia Farrar.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan, Mrs. S. D. Thompson Mrs. Adams and Walter Gay, of Lynchburg called to see Mrs. G. W. Glover Sunday morning. They were accompanied to Richmond by Mrs. G. W. Glover to see her daughter, Mrs. James Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Evans, of Charlotte Court House visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Evans last Saturday.

Those who called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Glover Sunday evening were Mr. Mac Harvey, Mrs. Louise Farrar, Miss Jean Womack, Malcolm and Olean Womack, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Austin, Dorothy Austin and Mattie Huddleston.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Franklin are the proud parents of an 8-pound baby girl, born October 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and son were week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reynolds, of Vera.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Blackwell and son were recent guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Shirey and children, of Amherst visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stewart recently.

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Rocks News

Rocks, Oct. 24.- Farmers started sowing wheat last week. We had some frost a few mornings.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Williams, and son, of Waynesboro were dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach last Sunday.

Mrs. Helen Inge and Audrey Dale went with Mrs. Harry Ranson to Appomattox Wednesday afternoon.

Misses Louise, Mary Edith and Ruth Ranson called to see their grandmother, Mrs. W. F. Ranson late Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ranson is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Dickerson and children and Mrs. J. W. Dickerson, of Farmville were in the neighborhood recently.

Quite a few attended the party in the home of Mrs. Harry Ranson Thursday night.

Mrs. Helen Inge and Mrs. Nellie Roach won a prize.

Rocks Sunday School was represented at the meeting at the Elon Baptist Church on Thursday night. Rev. Oscar Northern, of South Hill was the guest speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson, of Brookneal were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ranson recently.

Danny Dickerson spent awhile with Samuel Dickerson one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. William Garrison and children, of Madisonville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder. They attended Sunday School at Rocks while here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh and a few of their children went on a picnic trip up in the Valley of Virginia Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lowe, of Roanoke spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edd Roach and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach.

Ruth Ranson fell at school last week and cut her hand very badly.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dickerson, of Lynchburg spent last Saturday night with Mrs. W. F. Ranson and Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Ranson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Elliott, of Danville; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Joe Paulette and children, of Halifax, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Phil Paulette.

Mrs. David Paulette and Bonnie Faye Paulette spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morris, of Madisonville.

Jo Ann Harris, of Evergreen, spent Thursday night with Dorothy Ann Paulette.

Mr. and Mrs. Meade Crews and children and Mrs. Katie Allen, of Nathalie spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Paulette.

Jo Ann Harris, of Evergreen, spent Sunday with Roberta Harvey.

Truman gets full report on strikes from Federal mediator.

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